



# SECURE HOLSTER

## AI-014

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### Policy Statement

*It is the policy of the Regional Municipality of Peel Police Services Board that the requirements set out in this document shall form part of the Board Policies and the Chief of Police is hereby directed to comply with these requirements in his/her administration and operation of the Peel Regional Police.*

### 1. Subject

The guiding principles under which the Chief of Police is to establish procedures and process in relation to secure holsters.

### 2. Policy Requirements

It is the policy of the Board with respect to secure holsters that the Chief of Police shall:

- a. Ensure complete compliance with legislative and constitutional requirements, and recognized legal principles;
- b. Maintain both officer and public safety as a priority;
- c. Ensure the provision of secure holster equipment that is constructed to provide the level of protections that is necessary for the performance of duty including:
  - i. Inhibiting the handgun from being drawn inadvertently;
  - ii. Inhibiting the handgun from being withdrawn by an unauthorized person;
  - iii. Permitting the rapid unimpeded drawing of the handgun should it be required;
- d. Consult with designated employee representatives regarding the acquisition of secure holsters; and
- e. Ensure that appropriate supervisors and police officers are provided with training and information in accordance with the OHSA that would include:
  - i. the proper use and care of secure holsters; and
  - ii. the responsibilities and obligations of employers, supervisors and employees under the *Occupational Health and Safety Act*

### 3. Measurement Methods

The Chief of Police shall regularly review the processes and procedures with respect to secure holsters to ensure compliance with Board policy and legislative requirements.

### 4. Reporting

The Chief of Police shall report to the Board on an exception basis. This applies to those circumstances which have resulted in an 'exceptional' circumstance, which is detrimental to the police service; and /or has resulted in significant issues of potential liability to the Board and/or the police service.

### 5. Authority/Legislative Reference

Occupational Health and Safety Act (OHSA)  
Ontario Regulation 268/10 Sec 3 under the *PSA*  
Police Services Act Section 135; Regulation 926 – *Equipment and Use of Force*

Board Minute #69/11  
Board Minute #18/14

**6. Linkage to Appropriate Police Service Procedure/Directive**

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